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Pulling carts around the farm or serving as loyal pack animals, goats are naturally hardworking and make for friendly companions. This straightforward guide teaches you how to choose, house, feed, train, and breed the best goats for your space and needs. Whether you want to churn out fresh dairy products, harvest soft cashmere for knitting, or keep goats as playful pets, *The Backyard Goat* makes it easy to enjoy the benefits of owning goats, with no experience necessary.

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Alisa Kester says

If you're wondering if you might want a backyard goat, this is a good place to start. Covers the basics on pretty much everything you might like to know.

And the verdict for me? No. I will not be getting goats.

Cade Salem says

I love this book. It had really cool pictures and a good book for learning about Goats

Megan says

So much great information!

Nick says

Definitely think it'd be fun to have a goat after reading this book. I still feel lacking in information though, like what a good shelter would look like or have, where do I buy food (some guesses here) and how much could I expect it to be (certainly easy to find out). Also gotta figure out which of my friends might be up for some goat-sitting when I'm out of town, which may be the biggest hurdle...

Fernleaf says

A fantastic book for anyone thinking about (or finding themselves with) a new goat. This book is geared much more towards the pet goat and includes chapters not only on milking, kidding, health, and general keeping, but also on packing, fiber, and harness goats. A great easy-to-follow book that gives you the important information without any fuss and keeps it interesting with sidebars that include tidbits of mythology, history and trivia.

Bonnie Roman says

Great first book to read about goats. Everything from the history of goats, to stories of goats in the military

and goat fairy tales, to breed characteristics, to packgoats. Highly recommended for anyone just starting to think about getting goats.

Katrina says

I love goats, and this book was a great daydream fuel reading experience. Lots of sensible information, and some really cute photography.

Melanie says

The BEST beginning goat farmer book I have read! After having dairy goats for 5 years now, I have perhaps graduated beyond the beginner dairy goat books to know enough if they are good starter books or not. Sue Weaver covers it all in this book beginning with where goats originated and including breeds of goats I honestly haven't even heard of before. She uses photo's, drawings, and side notes to incorporate as much information in a book as possible.

She covers information on milk goats, fiber goats, and pack goats from where to purchase them through their kidding days. Training tips and techniques for pack goats. Milk processing and recipes for milk goats. Shearing know how's for fiber goats.

Included are housing and feeding needs, health of the goats and emergency care needs.

She includes Goat Tales from literature for a touch of humor. Extremely well written book with insight galore but not in a bogged down know it all way.

Even for the seasoned goat farmer I recommend this book as a basic resource. I learned things I hadn't known and found beginning concepts I was unable to find in other books on goats.

5 plus stars!

I received a copy of this book from Storey Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Jennifer says

A good resource.

hermione says

Very informative with tons of tips that help me with my goats

Jennifer Shilley says

AWESOME BOOK HIGHLY RECOMMEND

Danielle says

Excellent! I don't own goats yet, but I plan to, and have read lots of books on the topic. This was the best. It was so thorough, well-explained, and made me feel closer to being somewhat ready for the challenge!! The author's love for goats shone through and made it an enjoyable read.
